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ARA/LA/MRSD O'GRADY PASS TO AIFLD

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SUBJ: RESTRAINTS ON CHILEAN AIFLD PROGRAM RAISED WITH LABOR
MINISTER

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1. IN JUNE, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AUTHORIZED ONLY TWO OF SIX SEMINARS REQUESTED BY AIFLD SANTIAGO. ALL FOUR OF THOSE PROSCRIBED WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR "DINAMICO" -- RELATED ORGANIZATIONS. THESE DECISIONS PROMPTED AIFLD WASHINGTON TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF GOC POLICY WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

2. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MISSION, LOCAL AIFLD REPRESENTATIVE CAMPOS AGREED TO ACCOMPANY LABATT TO MEETING WITH LABOR MINISTER FERNANDEZ AS A FIRST STEP TO RESOLVING THE PROBLEM. FERNANDEZ APPEARED SURPRISED AND EXPRESSED CONCERN DURING A JUNE 23 SESSION. HE PROPOSED THAT AIFLD FORWARD TO HIM IN ADVANCE LIST OF COURSES WHICH HE WOULD PERSONALLY DISCUSS WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, GENERAL BENAVIDES. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT AIFLD WOULD HAVE NO FUTURE DIFFICULTIES HOLDING SEMINARS IN THE SANTIAGO AREA. HE DOUBTED THAT HE COULD
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REVERSE PREVIOUS INTERIOR DECISIONS AND PROMISED NOTHING REGARDING COURSES AND SEMINARS OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN AREA SINCE LOCAL MILITARY GOVERNORS HAD CONSIDERABLE AUTONOMY. THE CONVERSATION WAS AFFABLE; FERNANDEZ APPEARED EAGER TO KEEP AIFLD IN CHILE.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT DOUBT THAT CONFLICTING FORCES ARE

AT WORK WITHIN GOC MINISTRIES, NOR THAT THE GOC WOULD LIKE
TO CHANNEL AIFLD ACTIVITY DECIDEDLY TOWARD PRO-GOC LABOR.
WE THINK FERNANDEZ UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENT THAT AIFLD
BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE FREELY AND BELIEVE FERNANDEZ
RECOGNIZES THE CONTINUED UTILITY OF AN AIFLD PRESENCE.
WHETHER HE CAN OR WILL PRODUCE ON HIS ASSURANCES REMAINS
TO BE SEEN. FORTUNATELY THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING WILL
BE READILY VERIFIABLE. SHOULD HARASSEMENT CONTINUE, THE
EMBASSY WILL CONSIDER WHAT OTHER STEPS ARE APPROPRIATE
TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.
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